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COAPS Draft Regulation - Dissemination to [REDACTED]

25X1X7

1. The major O&I and CIA problem concerning the dissemination of
25X1X7 CIA intelligence to [REDACTED] is not one of procedure, but of
determining the types or character of the materials to be released.
There is no policy, definition, or procedure mentioned in the COAPS
draft that attempts to resolve this problem.

2. The procedure proposed by COAPS is cumbersome and time-consuming.
The effect of this proposal would be:

a. Virtually to insure that any intelligence [REDACTED] 25X1X7
received would be out of date because:

(1) The mere physical process of passing a document through
something like six different hands would take considerable time, and

(2) In one or more of the offices concerned there would
certainly be delays brought on by the peculiarities of the office.

b. To make it probable that [REDACTED] would receive little 25X1X7
if any US intelligence because:

(1) The immediate inclination of any office passing on a
question of this sort—particularly the type of office that
prevails under the terms of the proposal—is negative; sending
the document might mean trouble later on for the official
concerned; not sending it would be much safer.

(2) Documents will have to stand the test of various
restrictive "policies".

(3) The larger the number of people involved, the greater
the chance of a negative decision.

3. The Plans and Policy Staff in collaboration with the Publications
Division has re-drafted the portion of the COAPS proposal concerning the
dissemination of "intelligence" to [REDACTED]. No changes were made in 25X1X7
the portions of this paper dealing with the dissemination of information
as this subject is not one of O&I's responsibilities.

4. It is requested that the attached revised draft be approved
and submitted to COAPS for consideration.

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